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COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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ALMONDS AND CASHEWNUTS IMPORT
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the almonds and cashewnuts are being imported in large quantities;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the total quantity of these items imported during each of the last three years and the current year, till date?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) to (c): The total quantity of Almonds and Cashewnuts imported during each of the last three years and the current year is as under :

Quantity in Tonnes

Commodity	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	Apr.- Oct.2006 (latest available)
CASHEN NUTS FRESH/DRIED(IN SHELL & SHELLED)	442594.2	479712.9	543937.3	422903.7
ALMONDS FRSH/ DRIED (IN SHELL & SHELLED)	21514.5	29085.9	26806.5	23400.0

The import of any commodity depends on the domestic demand-supply situation. However, all imports in the country are subject to applicable rate of customs duties and also subject to domestic laws, rules, orders, regulations, technically-specified and environmental safety norms as applicable for domestically produce goods.